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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR TU UN

SUBJ: NAROCITCS--PROPOSED UNFDAC MISSION TO TURKEY

REF: GENEVA 4916

1. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO GENEVA'S REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON SIXTEEN HEPPLING, WHOM MARTENS WISHES TO ADD AS THIRD MEMBER TO GREENFIELD/MANBY MISSION TO ANKARA.

2. HEPPLING, WHO HAD HIGH POSITION IN SIDA (SWEDISH AID AGENCY) PRIOR TO UNDP ANKARA ASSIGNMENT, IS WELL KNOWN TO MISSION OFFICER (BACHE) FROM CONTACTS IN STOCKHOLM 1969-1971.

3. WHILE, OF COURSE, DEFERRING TO ANKARA'S JUDGMENT RE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF HOW MUCH HEPPLING KNOWS ABOUT TURKISH OPIUM PRODUCTION, BACHE DOES KNOW THAT HEPPLING IS TECHNICALLY HIGHLY COMPETENT IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FIELD. BACHE BELIEVES THAT HEPPLING IS SUFFICIENTLY SOPHISTICATED AND DISCREET TO BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN HANDLING DELICATE MISSION SUCH AS THIS. AN INDICATION OF HIS ABILITY IS FACT THAT SIR ROBERT JACKSON CHOSE HIM TO HELP DRAFT UN CAPACITY STUDY. BACHE ALSO BELIEVES THAT IF REQUESTED BY HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMAN MARTENS TO ASSIST, HEPPLING WOULD GLADLY
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MADE WHOLEHEARTED EFFORT TO SUPPORT OBJECTIVE OF PROPOSED MISSION

IN WHICH US HAS SUCH VITAL STAKE.

4. UNDP NEW YORK REPORTS THAT HEPPLING RETURNED TO TURKEY JULY 25 AND WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT AS DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN UNDP OFFICE IN GENEVA SEPT 1. UNDP NY BELIEVES HE HAS ALREADY TAKEN HOME LEAVE AND WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO GENEVA. THIS MEANS THAT HE WILL ACTUALLY BE IN ANKARA DURING SOME OR ALL OF GREENFIELD/MANBY VISIT, DEPENDING UPON ITS DURATION. (FYI - USUN OBTAINED THIS INFO AT CLERICAL LEVEL WITH NO INDICATION EITHER REQUESTED OR GIVEN AS TO WHY WE WANTED IT. END FYI)
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